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SUBJ: GOP BANS TWO POLITICAL GROUPS

1. GOP ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 17 THAT PAKHTOON ZALMAI (PAKHTOON YOUTH) AND BALUCH WARNA (BALUCH YOUTH) ORGANIZATIONS STOOD ABOLISHED UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION BANNING PRIVATE GROUPS CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING AS A MILITARY ORGANIZATION.

2. GOP DECISION FOLLOWED CLASH IN QUETTA PRECEDING DAY INVOLVING BALUCH WARNA AND BALUCHISTAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION MEMBERS AGAINST PEOPLES' PARTY SUPPORTERS AT PPP BY-ELECTION RALLY. THIS INCIDENT WAS PRECEDED BY ANOTHER IN WHICH GRENADE WAS THROWN AT FORMER GOVERNOR BUGTI'S QUETTA RESIDENCE.

BALUCH WARNA IS STUDENT GROUP CREATED BY BUGTI. DURING BUGTI'S TENURE AS GOVERNOR, WARNA FAITHFULLY SUPPORTED HIS ANTI-NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY LINE. SINCE BUGTI'S RESIGNATION AND EVIDENT RAPPROCHEMENT WITH
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NAP, WARNA HAS JOINED OPPOSITION RANKS. GOP MOVE WAS PROBABLY DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST WARNA TO NEUTRALIZE

GROUP JUST PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 18 BY-ELECTION BEING BITTERLY
CONTESTED BY BUGYI'S SON AND PPP CANDIDATE.

4. PAKHTOON ZALME IS HEADED BY NAP PRESIDENT KHAN
ABDUL WALI KHAN AND IS CONSIDERABLE FORCE IN FRONTIER.
ZALME CLAIMED CREDIT FOR NUMEROUS GRENADE INCIDENTS IN
RECENT MONTHS DIRECTED AGAINST GOP SUPPORTERS IN FRONTIER
PROVINCE.

5. THESE TWO YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE FIRST EVER POLITI-
CAL GROUPS BANNED BY BHUTTO GOVERNMENT.
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